

3. The rating scale does resemble, however, the description of a teacher questionnaire in the July 25 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in a two paragraph section alluding to a study of Chesterfield County Public School students.

4. No School Board employee we have located can confirm or recall any joint study or sharing of information with Phillip Morris. No School Board minutes from 1973-1978 reference Phillip Morris in any way. We cannot determine through any means that the results of the questionnaire were made available to anyone other than school officials.

5. The source of information cited in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD was F. J. Ryan and "Smoker's Psychology Monthly Report," and we have no knowledge of either of these sources.

6. This concludes our good faith effort to respond to these inquiries. We are available for questions regarding current policies and procedures related to student evaluation.

SPECIAL SALUTE TO EUGENE PARKER: HONORING HIS CHARITABLE SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to salute a resident of my congressional district, Eugene Parker, who was recently profiled in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The article, which is entitled "Paying With Good Looks", tells of Mr. Parker's unique contribution to the elderly people of his neighborhood. I want to share with my colleagues the details regarding the offerings outstanding individual.

Mr. Parker is the proprietor of Parker's Barber Shop in Cleveland, where he has been cutting hair for over 30 years. Every Thursday since June 1994, Mr. Parker has offered free hair cuts to people over the age of 65. This is his way of giving back to his community. As Mr. Parker frequently says, he thinks that the money that these persons would spend for a haircut would be better spent on a loaf of bread. Through this act of charity, Mr. Parker demonstrates to the elderly of his neighborhood that someone is looking out for them.

Mr. Speaker, the reason that I highlight this act of individual charity is because this is exactly the type of contribution which has the potential to resuscitate drifting communities of our country. Eugene Parker has unselfishly given his time and talent in an effort to ease the financial burdens of the elderly of his community. I salute Mr. Parker for his neighborly contributions and ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this caring individual. I also ask that this Cleveland Plain Dealer article be inserted into the Record.

[From the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Sept. 11, 1995]

PAYING WITH GOOD LOOKS
(By Ronald Rutti)

CLEVELAND.—They stand or sit six deep outside the barber shop at Kinsman Rd. and E. 143rd St. on Thursday mornings. It leads you to think the guys cutting inside either must be good or giving something away free. Turns out, you would be right on both counts.

Since June 1994, the elderly have been getting free haircuts on Thursdays at Parker's

Barber Shop. Proprietor Eugene Parker closes the place to paying customers that day.

"I could hardly believe it," recalled John Thomas of E. 176th St., when he first came to the shop for a free cut. "He wouldn't even take a tip. He said, 'Then it would not be free.'"

Harry J. Walker, of Van Aken Blvd., a customer for more than 25 years, was sitting outside waiting for his number to be called. Knowing he would face a wait of about an hour, Walker had brought a radio and some Scripture readings.

"He's the best," Walker said of Parker. "I think it's wonderful what he is doing. God said if you give, you are going to receive hundredfold."

For a while it was hard to give. "The first three weeks, all total, I did not cut 20 heads," Parker recalled "Nobody believed it."

Now he cuts about 30 heads during his abbreviated Thursday hours 9 a.m. to noon. At least one of the four other barbers in his shop volunteers his off day on alternate Thursdays.

On this day, it is Andre Beard, 27, who has been cutting hair six years. Beard said he was a Cuyahoga Community College student in electrical engineering when his barber, Parker steered him into the grooming field.

Parker said Beard comes almost every Thursday to cut the older folks' hair. "I get the afternoon off, that's enough time for me," Beard said.

The give-away attracts both longtime customers and newcomers. Those who have known Parker for years are not surprised by his charity.

"He's always been a people lover," said Tom Carter, 78, of Stockbridge Ave. "He's a caring person." Carter has been a customer for 30 years.

Although he has not had a real vacation in 18 years, Parker said he gets one every week when he unlocks the shop door and already-waiting older folks file in.

He cannot wait to talk to his visitors, for they already have lived full lives.

"This gives me a chance to pick up a lot of knowledge," Parker said.

Parker, a barber more than 30 years, said he got the idea for free haircuts while sitting in his shop contemplating what he could do to give back to the community.

He decided older people would better use their limited funds for food.

The normal haircut charge at the shop is \$9.

Parker, 56, gestures to the dozen or so people waiting their turn and says, "These people sitting here, they did all the legwork and all the suffering to get me where I am today. I think a loaf of bread is more important to them than a haircut."

"Hopefully other barbers will hear about this and do the same thing for seniors," he said.

The rule is a customer has to be 65 or older to get a free haircut, but Parker does not ask for proof of age. "I trust them," he said.

Parker's family moved to Cleveland from Birmingham, Ala., when he was 12. He has nine children of his own, 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He said he became a barber because "I was tired of working hard." But he has found it is a job not suited to all.

"You've got to like people. It's a trip dealing with people. But it's a lot of fun," he said.

JOEL COOK DAY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call to the attention of our colleagues a remarkable man who led an incredible life of service to others. This coming Sunday, September 24, Joel's hometown of Walden, NY, will be paying tribute to him.

Joel Cook, a veteran of the Vietnam conflict, took the plight of our missing American heroes, and the families they left behind, to his heart. In 1977, at a time when most Americans wanted to forget about our involvement in Vietnam, and sweep the problems from that conflict under the rug, Joel founded the National Human Rights Committee for POW's and MIA's. As its national chairman, he helped light a fire under all of us, reminding us that it was important that we must not forsake those brave missing Americans.

Many veterans groups throughout the Nation came to depend upon Joel Cook and his organization for the information they provided, the suggestions they proffered, and the assistance they were always ready to give. In the year 1977, many Americans neither knew nor cared what the initials "POW" or "MIA" stood for. In good part, public awareness of the issue was heightened by Joel's tireless efforts.

In July 1992, as a result of the illness which Joel probably contracted or had exacerbated by his exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Southeast Asia, he retired as national chairman of the Human Rights Committee. We lost him about a year and a half later, on January 17, 1994.

However, his friends, loved ones, and the many lives he touched ensured that his hometown would not forget him.

This Sunday, Joel Cook Day in Walden, will be a commemoration—and a celebration—of this stellar veteran and the time and effort he devoted to helping others. His widow, Linda, his children, and other family members will be on hand to share in our appreciation of Joel Cook's works and deeds. On Sunday, which is the day before what would have been Joel Cook's 49th birthday, the American Legion Post No. 158 in Walden will officially change its name from the William Deakin Post No. 158 to the William Deakin-Joel Cook chapter. A duplicate of the new official American Legion charter indicating this name change will be presented to the Cook family at this time, with appropriate ceremonies.

Today, over two decades after the end of hostilities in Southeast Asia, 2,197 Americans are still not accounted for. The National League of Families of POW's and MIA's pointed out to my office just this week that, if Joel Cook were alive today, he would be the first and the loudest to protest the rush toward normalization of relations with Vietnam with the fates of so many of our fellow citizens still undetermined.

Mr. Speaker, many of our colleagues have joined with me throughout the years to remind all of us in this Nation that our missing fellow Americans must never be forgotten. Joel Cook Day, coming only 9 days after our annual National POW-MIA Remembrance Day, is a suitable time to remember that many of us here at home have dedicated their lives to this worthy cause.

As is true of our missing service men and women, they deserve nothing less.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADM. THOMAS
A. MERCER, USN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today in salute of an outstanding individual, community and military leader. Mr. Speaker, Rear Adm. Thomas A. Mercer, who until recently commanded the Naval Postgraduate School, provided 33 years of service to the U.S. Navy and to my central coast community. His contributions will be remembered and sorely missed.

Graduating with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962, Rear Admiral Mercer served a 3-year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy, including a Southeast Asia combat deployment. He later attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and was awarded a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering in 1969.

Rear Admiral Mercer's remarkable career has been demonstrated by his assignments and duties throughout the country and the world. He has been awarded 17 medals and awards that recognize his distinguished service, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal and Defense Superior Service Medal. I am very pleased to commend Rear Admiral Mercer for his contributions to our country.

In addition, Rear Admiral Mercer significantly contributed to the Monterey Peninsula community. He has served as the superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA since January 1993. His contributions there helped to retain the school in Monterey and he has worked with other institutions of higher education to make the region a center of excellence for education and research. Rear Admiral Mercer has also helped many organizations in the Monterey region, including outreach programs to schools, the American Legion, the Salinas Air Show and many more.

We are indeed fortunate to have a national resource like the Naval Postgraduate School in our community, but more so since Rear Admiral Mercer has been its superintendent for the past 2½ years. It is said that Rear Admiral Mercer left every command in better shape than when he arrived and I agree. The Naval Postgraduate School and the entire community have benefited from his leadership. On behalf of a grateful community and country, I wish him congratulations, and very best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE POLISH MARTYRS
MEMORIALIZED AT THE
KATYN MEMORIAL MONUMENT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Polish officers, citizens and prisoners of war who were massacred in 1940 by

the Stalinist Soviet Government. The Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee will have a memorial service on September 17, 1995 to honor the Polish victims. A mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at the monument site.

Many times throughout history, mankind has committed unspeakable crimes that have horrified the world. In April 1940 more than 25,000 people were rounded up by the Soviet Government. Their only crime was that they were born Polish and considered enemies of the state. Their hands were tied behind their backs and they were shot in the back of the head. Their bodies were burned and scattered throughout various locations such as Katyn Forest.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the brutal Katyn Forest Massacre. The order to execute the Polish citizens was issued on March 5, 1940. The order is a reminder to us that we must remain ever vigilant against intolerance and inhumanity. Their massacre was a genocidal act and we must never forget their suffering and sacrifice.

A memorial was erected at Exchange Place in Jersey City. The monument commemorates the sacrifice of these innocent victims. The Katyn Forest Massacre was a crime against humanity. This elegant memorial serves as a reminder of man's cruelty to man.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these Polish martyrs. They represent a lost generation of Polish citizens. Their memories live on at the Katyn Memorial Monument.

SPECIAL SALUTE TO MORT
MANDEL, CLEVELAND PHILANTHROPIST

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding philanthropist of my congressional district. Mort Mandel is the chairman and CEO of Premier Industrial Corp. and has spent his life not just donating finances, but also finding innovative ways to improve the Cleveland area and the world. I want to share with my colleagues some of the contributions of this outstanding individual.

Foundations established by Mort Mandel and his family distribute grants for management training, neighborhood renewal, the arts, and health care. Mr. Mandel's Premier Industrial Corp. created a non-profit agency for improvement of the neighborhood in which it operates, and created a school for non-profit management at Case Western Reserve University. Mr. Mandel has also given extensively to the United Way, and has contributed to the creation of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University.

Mort Mandel has for a number of years been a strong supporter and financial contributor to the 11th Congressional District's Annual Christmas Party for poor residents of my district. These are people who would have no Christmas for themselves and their children if it were not for philanthropists such as Mort Mandel.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Mort Mandel today. Mort Mandel has given his

time, ideas, and funding to creative philanthropy. He has used his success to increase opportunities for people's advancement and to implement neighborhood improvement. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this exceptional individual.

GIVING LIVES OF TWO CLEVELAND
PHILANTHROPISTS

(By Janet Beighle French)

Why people give has long intrigued those responsible for garnering support for privately funded organizations.

The lives of two Cleveland philanthropists, one present, one past, provide some answers. And, as is typical in Cleveland, their gifts were not only of money, but of time, too.

THE MANDEL TRADITION

"I want to light another candle or 10, maybe many candles, to help eliminate the nightmares around us," said Mort Mandel, chairman and CEO of Premier Industrial Corp.

Mandel's parents, Sam and Rose, set the example.

"They were not wealthy, but they always extended helping hands to others," said Mandel. "When they could hardly pay the rent, mother would squirrel away \$11 for someone, perhaps for a wedding dress, a doctor bill, a refrigerator or stove.

"By the time I was 10 years old, I had internalized a sense that [compassionate, personal giving] was an obligation and an opportunity to help," said Mandel. "My brothers did, too. As we could, we began giving away money."

Along the way, their Premier Industrial Corp. became very successful.

Now, said Mandel, he uses that ability, giving systematically and effectively to stimulate new ideas that will help heal the world.

He and older brothers Jack and Joseph have established a foundation for each family, three private and one corporate, with total assets estimated in 1991 to be more than \$160 million. That year, the four foundations distributed more than \$2.5 million in grants.

Management training, neighborhood renewal, the arts and health care were among major beneficiaries. The Mandels also have given generously to Jewish causes; Mort Mandel is a past president of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

In 1993, the brothers hired Richard Shatten away from Cleveland Tomorrow (itself foundation-inspired) to operate their foundations. At the time, Mort Mandel said the brothers intended to leave to charity a "very large" portion of their combined fortunes, then worth about \$1.5 billion. The result could be a foundation that would join the Cleveland and Gund foundations as a major force in Cleveland philanthropy.

"We are more pro-active than other foundations," said Mandel. "We use our brains, contacts and money to improve, change, fill a vacuum. We work very hard at it and put in time."

Premier is located in the Midtown Corridor, on Cleveland's near East Side. It created a nonprofit agency to help improve the neighborhood, which Mandel cites as among his top accomplishments. "It's now an umbrella agency, called Neighborhood Progress Inc. The Cleveland and Gund Foundations supported it, too, but we were the largest funder.

"We also started the Mandel Center for Non-Profit Management [at Case Western Reserve University], to see if we could improve the quality of management for nonprofits, so they could do a better job.

"It's been 10 years now and the program has graduated many people. And now they run everything from museums to settlement houses."